Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001]   This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. <u>10/015,502</u> ~~(Att.Dkt.No. STELP002)~~, also entitled "TRAFFIC MANAGER FOR DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS," filed on <u>December 11, 2001</u> ~~concurrently herewith~~, and hereby incorporated herein by reference.